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1. Attended a Budget Hearing in the Office of Communications which I believe went very well. This leaves only a cleanup session for tomorrow with the NIS people.

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2. Had a session with [REDACTED] in connection with [REDACTED] In order to expedite queries from [REDACTED] it was agreed that I would release and insure the expeditious handling of all future cables or dispatches having to do with this project and that there would be one person in the DD/P area, [REDACTED] who would be responsible for effecting coordination of such communications with the Logistics Office.

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3. [REDACTED] senior medical representative in the Far East, was in with Dr. Tietjen and gave me a brief review of the situation in the Far East as he saw it from a doctor's point of view. The following are some of his specific recommendations:

- a. He considers it highly important that we give more attention to the screening of dependents of employees who come out to the Far East.
- b. He believes that we should make arrangements to use CAT facilities to evacuate dependents for medical reasons.
- c. He has looked into the situation at Saigon and believes it to be no different [REDACTED] He sees no alternative but to evacuate people [REDACTED] when they have need for hospitalization but recommends, however, that we assign a Medical Technician there and that we should probably put a doctor in [REDACTED] to service that immediate area, [REDACTED]
- d. He desires to institute a program of annual physical examinations but needs authority to reimburse [REDACTED] or whoever would give them. (This appears to be within our sphere of authorization under Public Law No. 110 and I have asked Dr. Tietjen to go ahead and try to work it out.)

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- e. Insofar as personalities are concerned, he has the highest regard for [REDACTED], believes that some of the resentment toward a strong command setup in [REDACTED] is over, and would personally be most reluctant to see this concept thrown out of the window. He also believes that [REDACTED] could be persuaded to stay on with the Agency if we wanted him to.
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- f. He thinks that [REDACTED] is doing a good job and is highly regarded since he has moved to [REDACTED] but indicated that he did not believe that he was fully effective prior to that time.
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- g. He expressed some concern about [REDACTED] and said that he thought his attitude when he first arrived out there had lost many friends for him but that this situation was gradually being overcome. He gathered that Doug had created the impression that he was going to take over the support command and that he attempted to build a ring around [REDACTED] would control. Apparently [REDACTED] sensed this, as did other people, and there was some reluctance to accept him. Dr. [REDACTED] thought that it would be a great mistake to allow Doug to become Chief of the Support Mission, even on a temporary basis.
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- h. He said that people everywhere had the highest regard for [REDACTED]
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- i. He said that [REDACTED] of the Logistics Office had done a magnificent job on [REDACTED] but that when the Support Mission was moved from [REDACTED] and his position in the hierarchy, of course, became relatively low Bill had talked to him about his personal situation on a number of occasions. He does not feel that Bill's morale is as good as it might be and stated that Bill doesn't feel that he has enough to do or enough responsibility. He does not believe that there is any ill feeling between Bill and [REDACTED] but thinks that some consideration might be given to moving Bill to another job, possibly [REDACTED]
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- j. He does not think that the situation [REDACTED] is too good. [REDACTED] is, from a medical point of view, somewhat frustrated and excitable and tends to "shoot from the hip" a little too fast. His treatment of the doctors there apparently causes them to respect him something less
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than is desirable and [REDACTED] regards the over-all
situation as to morale and [REDACTED] to be one which
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